SRI K. PRABHAKAR.—(Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj?)

(*a*) Government have not discriminated between the Small/ Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers residing in Municipal and Rural areas. The S.F.D.A. Programmes are applicable to all the above categories as per rules irrespective of the areas.

(*b*) Does not arise.

## Cultivating Tank Bed Area in Bangarpet Taluk

989 SRI C. VENKATESHAPPA. (Bethamangala).—Will the Minister for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a few powerful Landlords are cultivating Tank Bed Area in Bangarpet Taluk.

(*b*) if so, what action the Government proposed to take against them?

SRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA (Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Action has been taken to evict the unauthorised cultivators and penalise them as per the Irrigation Act.

## Survey of Small Irrigation Tanks at Huvinahippargi Village.

1054 SRI B.S. PATIL (Huvinahippargi).—Will the Minister for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government is aware that survey had been conducted for Minor tanks in Huvinahippargi Village, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk;

(*b*) if so its present stage?

SRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA.—(Minister for Minor Irrigation.)

(*a*) The survey has been conducted for Minor tanks in the said village.

(*b*) It is found that the water to be stored in the tank is not useful for irrigation purposes. However, the analysis of the water is being conducted.

## Absence of the Ministers

SRI B.B. SAYANAK—Sir, three Ministers are absent today. One is Sri Bangarappa, another is Chief Ministers and the third is Sri R. S. Patil. You said that the questions pertaining to two Ministers

are held over. May I know why these three Minister are absent, and whether they have sent any letters to you ? If that is so, why the Chair has not given the reasons ?

MR SPEAKER—I have received intimation that the Hon. Chief Minister is held up at Hyderabad and that he will be coming now.

SRI B.B. SAYANAK—What about Sri Bangarappa and Sri R.S. Patil ?

MR SPEAKER—They have also requested. All the Ministers who have business today are present and other Ministers have intimated and requested for leave of absence.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR—Sir, may I once again draw your kind attention to the repeated complaints raised in this House about the absence of Ministers during the sessions. They have no business to be absent from the House when the House is in session. The Hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs just two days ago gave a solemn assurance to you and to this House that he will personally write to every one of the Minister and see that they are present, when their business is listed for the day. Where is that Minister and what has happened to his promise ? They do not seem to have any respect for the assurance they give in this House day in and day out. They go back on their own words. There are Ministers in this Government who do not have any respect for their own words. What is it that we can do in this respect ? This is a very serious matter. You have time and gain brought this matter to the notice of the Government and the Whip is absent today. It is his business—I am not saying anything against him.

MR. SPEAKER—The Joint Whip Sri Nanaiah is there.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR—I have no particular complaint against the Whip. About the Chief Minister's absence I can understand. It is because of the concellation of the flight yesterday. But what about the absence of other Ministers ? They may write to you saying that they cannot be present, but that is no sufficient excuse. What better business they have than attending the session ? The will of the people is represented in this House. If they disobey the will of this House, that means they are disobeying the mandate of the people.

SRI P, RAMDEV—Sir, as a protest you can adjourn the House for some time.

MR. SPEAKER—I can understand the feelings of the hon. Member.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR—How many times this is happening.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿ. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ—ನಮ್ಮ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕಲಾಪ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ನಾನು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

SR A. LAKSHMISAGAR—What is the remedy ? I can only lodge my complaint and ventilate my grievences to you. If you plead helpless in the matter I am also helpless. It is not as if you are helpless in the matter. We can have recourse to our own course of action. Please do not be under the impression that the Opposition can be browbeaten or silenced or fed on promises day in and out and yet carry on with the business of the House. They do not seem to have any respect for will of the people which is represented here in this House. This has been happening almost every day since the commencement of the session. What is it that you except us to do. They are the persons who are answerable to all the queries we raise here. We have problems and problems.

MR. SPEAKER—Most of the Ministers have intimated.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR—That is no excuse.

MR. SPEAKER—In some circumstances it is unavoidable, for example when they have to attend conference in Delhi.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR—I can understand that in the case of Ministers who have business in Delhi. But what about other Ministers ? They cannot have better business than attending to the business of this House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಸವಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ—ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಸಾಗರ್‌ರವರು ವಿಲ್ ಆಫ್ ದಿ ಪೀಪಲ್ ವೇೀಲೆ ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದು ನಮಗೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ. ವಿಲ್ ಆಫ್ ದಿ ಪೀಪಲ್ ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಪ್ಪಿದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ, ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಉದ್ದೇಶಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ತಯಾರಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಕಾರಣ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರವರಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿಸಾಗರ್—ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರ ಭಾಷಣದ ವೈಖರಿಯನ್ನು ತಾವು ಕೇಳಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಸವಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ—ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಇದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಕಾಗದ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತೆ ನಿಮಗೆ ಗೌರವ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಇಲ್ಲೇ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಾಗರ್‌ರವರು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಮಾತಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಗೌರವ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲಾ ; ಅದು ನ್ಯಾಯವೇ ? ನಿಮಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಬೇಕು ? We as Government respect will of the people. That need not be elaborated.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR—I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Minister for Revenue Sri Basavalingappa does not seem to understand the seriousness of the duties he is charged with, as Minister. He thinks that if a Minister is absent, the business pertaining to him may be taken up the next day. That is the strain in which he is speaking. Can the Minister remain absent from the House whatever may be the reason ? In my submission it is not open to any Minister to remain absent from the House when the House is in session. If they have any other business they must attend to it after the

session is over and not during the session. It is their duty to be present here and answer all the queries raised on the floor of the House. Therefore I want a considered ruling from you on this point. If your ruling is that they can remain absent, we will take it because we cannot question your ruling.

SRI M. C. NANAIAH (Mercara) The Deputy Leader of the Opposition has raised a point of order and sought a ruling from the Chair. What is the point of order, Mr. Speaker ? He raised, whether during the session time the council of Ministers should be present or not and now the Hon. Speaker should give a ruling. May I submit one thing ? Probably, if the Hon. Speaker were to give a ruling that during the session time all the Ministers should be present or need not be present, a question may arise as to how to revise the order later on. There cannot be a point of order that all the Ministers should be present through out the session. Time and again when a particular business of a particular Minister comes up here and if the particular Minister is absent on account of so many reasons he writes a letter to the Chair and he leaves the House. But a point of order can never be raise on such issues and it is not within the competence of any hon. Member to raise such points of order.

SRI B.B. SAVANAK—Hon. Member Sri Nanaiah has argued against our Deputy Leader of the Opposition. My submission is that we are not insisting that all the Ministers should be present during the question hour. But the Ministers whose questions are listed must be present. Our grievance is that two Hon. Ministers, Sri S. Bangarappa and Sri R. S, Patil, whose questions are listed for today are absent. That is why I am asking whether they have written to you to hold over the questions relating to their port-folios. You have given reasons that the Chief Minister is held up in Hyderabad ; yes, we have no grudge about it. You have mis-understood me and charged me as "irresponsible". I am not bothered about it. But one thing is. whether Sri S. Bangarappa and Sri R. S. Patil have given any reasons for their absence ? The other day the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs promised that a particular matter may be taken up later on. On that day I requested you that if the Ministers are not going to be present we will stage a walk-out. Time and again we have been representing that the Ministers are not present. We want a clear ruling from you.

ಶ್ರೀ ಧರ್ಮಸಿಂಗ್ ನಾರಾಯಣಸಿಂಗ್ – ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ಈ ತಿಂಗಳು ೧೨, ೧೩, ೧೪ನೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ ದಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಪರೀತ ಮಳೆ ಆಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ಜನ.....

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